Universalisation of rehabilitation services

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether to achieve the objective of universalisation of rehabilitation services, the Rehabilitation Council of India has come out with a Vision Document-2010;

(b) if so, the main features of the document;

(c) the total number of special education teachers and other professionals that have been trained and registered with the RCI till December, 2002;

(d) whether there is a need to accelerate progress and garner more funds for implementation of various programmes in the field of rehabilitation and special education; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) Rehabilitation Council of India has prepared a Vision Document 2000-2010 which addresses the areas of awareness, education, community based rehabilitation, publication and geriatric rehabilitation.

(c) 8967 special education teachers and 12910 other professionals have been registered with the RCI as on 31.12.2002.

(d) and (e) The human resource development programmes related to rehabilitation services including special education are being expanded and improved outreach is being achieved through assistance to NGOs and institutions working under the aegis of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.